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STAND-ALONE SOUND GENERATION AND PLAYBACK APPARATUS, AND NETWORK-
COMMUNICATIVE SOUND GENERATION AND PLAYBACK SYSTEM

**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119
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Sir:

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